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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	:	Before the Examiner:
Arning et al.	:	Al Hashemi, Sana A.
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Serial No.: 10/044,782	:	Group Art Unit: 2164
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Filing Date: January 11, 2002	:	
	:	IBM Corporation
Title: METHOD, COMPUTER	:	Dept. T81/Bldg. 503
PROGRAM AND DATA	:	P.O. Box 12195
PROCESSING SYSTEM FOR	:	3039 Cornwallis Road
DATA CLUSTERING	:	Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of May 18, 2006, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 18, 2006, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.